**WASHINGTON**- U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today released the following statement regarding the passing of former Congressman and U.S. Interior Secretary Stewart Udall.

"My thoughts and prayers today are with Stu's family in the wake of his passing. He was a true statesman, a role model for anyone who believes in the honor and privilege of public service, and for those who champion our environment. His dedication to Arizona and our nation will be remembered for generations to come."